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"With reference to the second part of my hon. Friend's question, my answer is that in the report sent by the District Forest Officer he says that there were no long conversations. There were two conversations, one at about 1 p.m. and the other in the evening and there was nothing particular in those conversations. They were only ordinary conversations."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the first conversation did not last for 15 minutes and the second for 30 minutes?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No."

Shooting of a rogue elephant in Puttur taluk.

*624 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to place on the table of this House the communication L. Dis. C. No. 1887/Sub. 28, dated 29th May 1928, of the President, Puttur Taluk Board, in regard to the shooting of a rogue elephant and the reply communication of the District Forest Officer concerned to the former; and

(b) to state what objections the Government have to take immediate steps themselves and have the animal shot at their own expense?

A.—(a) The papers [a] are placed on the table.

(b) No special Government establishment is maintained for the destruction of rogue elephants. The declaration of a wild elephant as a rogue is usually sufficient to attract sportsmen.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"In view of the fact that this elephant has been out at large for over two years, do the Government consider that simply notifying it is enough?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The District Forest Officer has also suggested to the Collector the need for granting a special permit to a very good shikari, one Kalleri Ramachandra Ayyar, to go and shoot even in the reserved forest."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Any reward, Sir?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"As a matter of fact, the tusks in such cases are given, if applied for."

Education

Establishment of vocational schools.

*625 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any vocational schools have been established during 1927–28; and

(b) whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken by Government for the spread of vocational education during 1927–28?

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 119–120 infra.

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No new vocational school was established by Government in the year 1927–28. The schools already in existence were continued during the year and grants were given to schools under private management.

If by the expression ' vocational schools ' the hon. Member refers to schools which make provision for manual training, the Government sanctioned the opening of new manual training classes in three Government training schools and also sanctioned grants for the opening of such classes in several secondary and elementary schools under local bodies and aided agencies.

Establishment of girls' schools in additional centres.

* 626 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to establish high schools for girls in any additional centres;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) what are the centres selected by Government?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The question of opening additional secondary schools for girls is under consideration.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know when the question will be settled, Sir?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Government are considering the question of having additional secondary schools even in this financial year."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know how long this has been engaging the attention of the hon. Minister?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"This has been engaging my attention only for the last six months. That is why my hon. Friend is not aware of it."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know whether it is only the question of additional centres that is under consideration or whether it is the whole question that is under consideration?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The question where these schools ought to be located is under consideration."

Conveyance arrangements for students of the Lady Willingdon Teaching College for Women.

* 627 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware that students of the Indian Christian Hostel attached to the Lady Willingdon Teaching College for Women feel great hardship in having to walk a long distance owing to the change of location from Triplicane to Mylapore; and